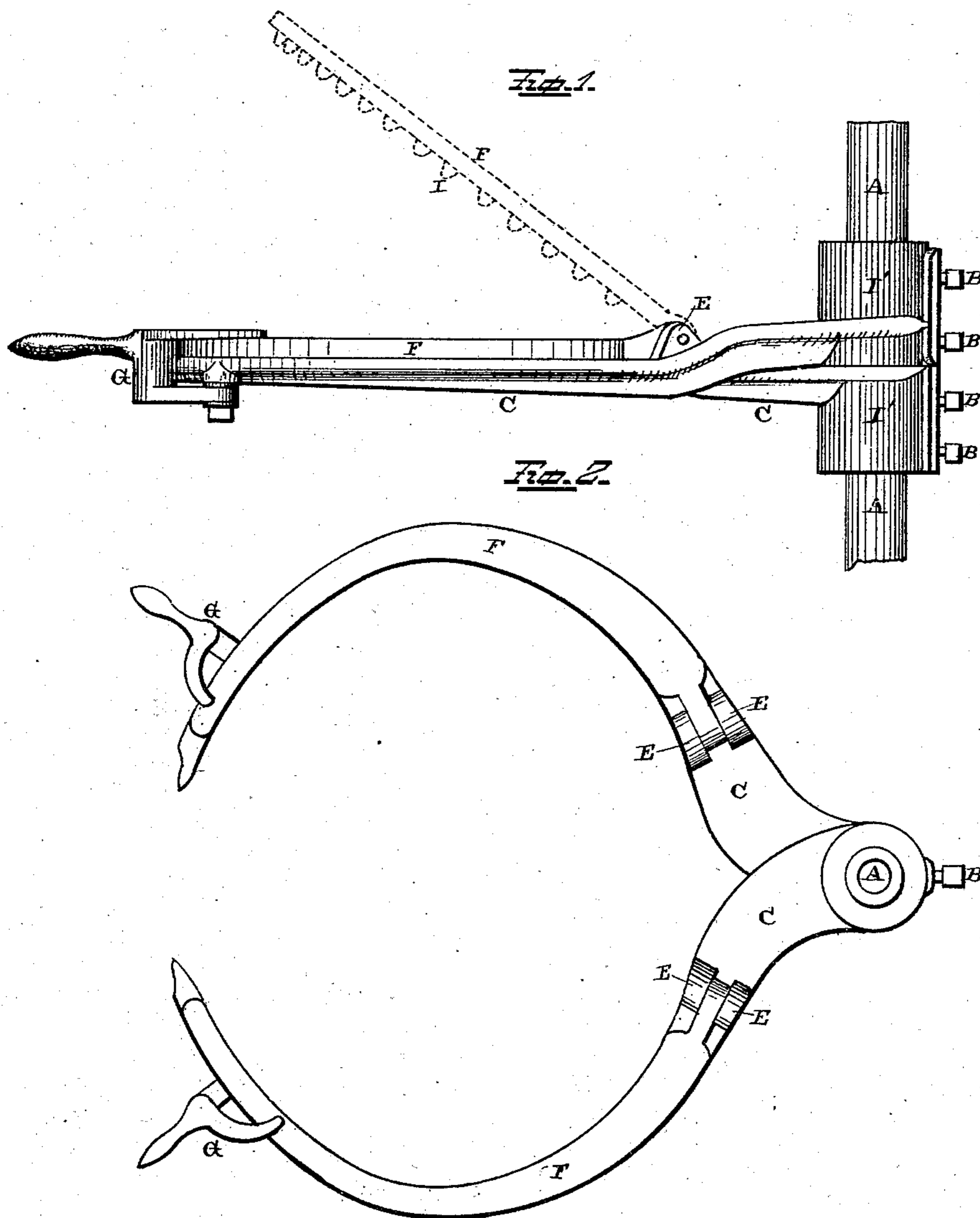


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HOCKENSMITH, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bag-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in bag-holders; and it consists in the combination of two separate and distinct arms, which are made vertically adjustable upon a suitable standard, and which arms are provided with suitable clamping-bars, which catch over the top of the bag and hold it while the bag is being filled, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to form a bag-holder which can be opened and closed and raised and lowered upon its standard, so as to be adjusted to bags of all sizes.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention, showing the clamping-bars in one position in solid lines, and in a raised position in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

A represents a suitable standard of any desired length, and which may be either solid or hollow, and which is secured at its lower end to a suitable base or support. Fastened upon this standard by means of suitable set-screws B are the two metallic arms C, which are made preferably of the shape shown in Fig. 2, and which can be adjusted up and down upon the standard, or moved inward or outward from each other, according to the size of the bag which is to be held. These arms are formed in a single piece with their hubs I', so that in making any adjustment of either one of the arms it is only necessary to loosen the screws B and then adjust the arm either vertically or horizontally into any desired position. These arms having been secured one above the other upon the standard, are slightly curved upward or downward, so as to bring the curved portions on a level with each other.

Upon the top of each arm are formed suitable ears E, in between which the clamping rods or arms F are pivoted. These rods are made of the same shape as the supporting-arms, and on the under side of the clamping-rods are suitable points or projections I, which fit in corresponding sockets made in the top of the supporting-arms. By means of these projections and sockets the bag is securely held while being filled, without the slightest danger of the bag either slipping out or being torn.

In order to hold the rods down upon the supporting-arms with a suitable degree of force, there is pivoted to the under side of each one of the supporting-arms a bent latch or other suitable device, G, which is made sufficiently inclined on its under side to act as a wedge in forcing the rods down upon the arms when the latch is forced inward over the top of the arm.

By making the arms entirely separate and distinct from each other, they can be opened out or closed up, so as to adapt them to bags of all sizes, and by making each arm vertically adjustable upon the standard the bag can be held any desired distance above the floor.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In a bag-holder, the combination of a standard, A, the two independent arms C, provided each with a hub, I', to pass down over the standard, and the set-screws B, substantially as shown.

2. The two curved arms C, laterally adjustable upon the standard A, and provided with the ears E, and a series of recesses in their upper faces, in combination with the arms F, provided with a series of projections, I, and clamping devices G, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of September, 1880.

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